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NH Governor's Commission on Disability

1-800-852-3405 603-271-2773 V/TT 603-271-4177 VMB

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<http://www.nh.gov/disability/abcommittee.html>

Other sources of guidelines for compliance with Accessibility design criteria are:

- 2006 International Building Code Chapter 11
- ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities

- Federal Register 28 CFR Part 36

Building Codes

On June 18, 2007, Governor John Lynch signed into law SB 81. This amended the NH State Building Code to include the 2006 editions of the International Codes as published by the International Code Council. International Building Code 2006 (IBC), International Residential Code 2006 (IRC), the International Plumbing Code 2006 (IPC), the International Mechanical Code 2006 (IMC), the International Energy Conservation Code 2006 (IECC), and the National Electric Code 2005 (NEC).

The bill was supported by the New Hampshire Building Officials Association and the New Hampshire Home Builders Association. Builders and all remodeling contractors will be able to use the same code throughout the state.

Purchase code book at <http://www.iccsafe.org>

Electrical Codes

The 2005 National Electrical Code (NEC) is the current electrical code adopted by the State of New Hampshire as of June 2007. The code can be purchased through NFPA NEC at www.nfpa.org, 1-800-344-3555, or for reference at the Durham Public Library.

For technical help on electrical issues or to verify whether an electrician is a Licensed Master Electrician with the State of New Hampshire, contact the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Concord. Their number is 603-271-3748 or fax at 603-271-2257. The State inspector for our area is William P. Bernard. Permit fee - \$90 per unit Checks or money orders only please.

Plumbing Codes

The 2006 International Plumbing Code was signed into law as of August 17, 2006 as the State-adopted Plumbing Code. The code can be purchased through ICC at www.iccsafe.org or referenced at the Durham Public Library.

For technical help on plumbing issues or to verify whether a plumber is a Licensed Master Plumber with the State of New Hampshire, contact the State's Plumber's Licensing Board at 2 Industrial Park Drive in Concord. Their number is 603-271-3267 or fax at 603-271-6656.

A licensed NH Master Plumber must apply for a plumbing permit. The plumber must apply in person and present a copy of their current NH license. The fee must be paid at the time of the application. Homeowner permits are permitted, but ALL work must be installed by the homeowner. Permit fee - \$90 per unit Checks or money orders only please.

Mechanical Code

The 2006 International Mechanical Code has been adopted by New Hampshire as the State Mechanical Code as of June 18th, 2007.

The 2006 IMC is available at www.iccsafe.org or referenced at the Durham Public Library.

Safe – C 8000 Licensing of Fuel Gas Fitters

In accordance with RSA 153:28, effective immediately the Town of Newmarket will begin enforcing the licensing requirements in accordance with the State of New Hampshire Safe-C 8000 regulations for all gas and propane installation. In addition, all fuel gas installations must be in compliance with the International Mechanical Code 2006, (IMC2006) and the following National Fire Protection Agency Codes.

1. NFPA 54 3. NFPA 31 5. NFPA 101

2. NFPA 58 4. NFPA 211 6. NFPA 1

Safe C 8000, Licensing of Fuel Gas Fitters, applies to the following categories;

1. Individuals engaged in the installation of residential and non-residential gas appliances and any other gas utilization equipment using liquefied propane gas or natural gas

2. Individuals engaged in the servicing and repair of residential and non-residential gas appliances and any other gas utilization equipment using liquefied propane gas or natural gas

3. Individuals engaged in the installation, servicing, or removal of gas piping for residential and non-residential gas appliances and any other gas utilization equipment using liquefied propane or natural gas.

4. Individuals engaged in the installation, servicing, or repair of hearth systems using liquefied propane or natural gas

What does this all mean?

All new installation of any of the above now requires a Mechanical Permit prior to the start of any work. Before any permit is issued the individual and or Company performing the work is required to show proof of licensing to the Building Official, in accordance with Safe C 8000. During the job an on-site inspection may be required by the Building Official. For all underground installations, an inspection prior to burying any gas line is mandatory. The Building Official may ask for proof of licensure upon entrance to the job site.

New home builders for homes utilizing liquefied propane gas or natural gas as a fuel for appliances are required to obtain a Mechanical Permit and provide the Office of Building Safety with contractor information, including license numbers, for all fuel gas fitters performing work, including installers of appliances. This change does not eliminate or change the requirements for the Fire Department to issue a permit to install a furnace or issue a permit to operate a furnace.

Permit fee - \$90 per unit Checks or money orders only please.

LINKS

Access Board <http://www.access-board.gov/>

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www.state.nh.us/disability/abhomepage.html

Architects <http://www.aia.org>

AIA Publications <http://www.aia.org/books/>

Boilers & Elevators <http://www.labor.state.nh.us/boilers.asp>

Building Codes

2006 International Codes

www.iccsafe.org

1-800-214-4321 x 371

Code Interpretations www.iccsafe.org

Electrical Codes

2005 National Electrical Code

NH State Electrician's Board

603-271-3748 Mark R. Hilbert or Dean Sotirakopoulos

Energy Codes

NH Public Utilities Commission - Energy Code Division

603-271-2431 Jon Osgood

<http://www.puc.state.nh.us/energypg.html>

Engineered Wood <http://www.apawood.org/>

Evaluations <http://www.nateval.org/>

Federal ADA <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

Federal FEMA <http://www.fema.gov/>

Forest & Timber <http://www.nhdf.org/>

Health Codes

EEE Eastern Equine Encephalitis

WNV West Nile Virus NH Dept. of Health & Human Services – Community Support

603-271-4781 Louise Anne Merchant Hannan,

Health Officer Liasion

West Nile Virus Hotline:

1-866-273-NILE (6453)

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/index.nsf?>

Home Inspectors <http://www.ashi.com/>

International Codes <http://www.iccsafe.org>

Life Safety Codes

NFPA 101 2003

NEC/NFPA publications <http://www.nfpa.org/Catalog/>

N.H.D.E.S. <http://www.des.state.nh.us/>

N.H. Health Dept <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/index.nsf?>

N.H. Government <http://www.state.nh.us/government/laws.html>

N.H. Municipal Assoc. http://nhmuni.home.virtualltownhall.net/NHMuni_Home/

N.H. Revised Statutes <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html>

N.H. Safety & Training http://www.labor.state.nh.us/safety_training.asp

Northern Utilities Natural Gas <http://www.bgc.com>

Products/Manufacturers http://www.boca-es.com/alpha_list.htm

OSHA <http://www.osha.org/new/home.cfm>

Public Service of N.H. <http://www.nu.com/>

Plumbing Codes

2006 International Plumbing Code

NH State Plumbers Licensing Board

603-271-3267 Ron Lemere, State Plumbing Inspector

603-271-2584 Wayne K. Brigham, State Boiler Inspector

Septic System Codes

Test Pits

NH Dept. of Environmental Services

603-271-3501 Jay Baas, Environmentalist III

www.des.state.nh.us

http://www.des.state.nh.us/waste_intro.htm

Structural Engineers <http://www.senh.org/>

Water Testing NH Dept. of Environmental Services – Water Division

603-271-1974 Richard P. Schodiold, Hydrogeologist III

Wetlands <http://www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands/>